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SUMMARY OF MEETING

COMMITTEE ON LEGAL SERVICES

April 29, 2016

The Committee on Legal Services met on Friday, April 29, 2016, at 10:06 a.m. in JCR 271. The following members were present:

Representative Foote, Chair
Representative Dore
Representative Kagan
Representative McCann
Representative Willett
Senator Johnston
Senator Roberts
Senator Scheffel, Vice-chair
Senator Steadman

Representative Foote called the meeting to order. He said we have two things on the agenda. Our first thing on the agenda is HB 16-1257, the Rule Review Bill. We're going to be sitting as the Senate committee of reference here this morning. This bill has passed through the House. It's now here to go to the Senate calendar if it does pass through committee.

10:07 a.m. – The Committee addressed agenda item 1 – Approval of HB 16-1257 by Representative McCann; also Senator Scheffel - Rule Review Bill.

Senator Scheffel said as you know this is the yearly Rule Review Bill. We heard it when we sat as the House committee. It's now our turn to sit as the Senate committee and take action on this. It's a good Rule Review bill. I urge its adoption.

10:08 a.m.

Hearing no further discussion or testimony, Senator Steadman moved HB 16-1257 to the Senate committee of the whole with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0 with Representative Dore, Representative Kagan, Senator Johnston, Representative McCann, Senator Roberts, Senator Steadman, Representative Willett, Senator Scheffel, and Representative Foote voting yes.

10:08 a.m.

Senator Steadman said I would move that we include in our committee report a recommendation that the bill be placed on the consent calendar. Senator Scheffel said that's a great idea. No objections were raised to that motion and it passed unanimously.

10:09 a.m. – Debbie Haskins, Assistant Director, Office of Legislative Legal Services, addressed agenda item 2 – Meeting Schedule during the Interim.

Ms. Haskins said I wanted to remind you that the Committee will need to schedule three or four meetings in the fall to deal with Committee business. We will be contacting you about meetings in the fall. We are expecting to have a meeting in September, not sure about October. November's a little bit of a wild card because we don't know yet what the new member orientation schedule will be. We will probably need to have a meeting in November if we can squeeze it in and then definitely a meeting in December. We will be contacting you once session is over about scheduling for the fall.

Senator Roberts asked is this our last meeting during the session then? Ms. Haskins said that's a good question. We do not need to meet on the next Friday, May 6. That meeting is cancelled so this is your last meeting.

10:10 a.m.

The Committee adjourned.